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NEARLY 500 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LIBRARIANS SET TO MEET FOR MAJOR CONFERENCE

Nearly 500 federal depository librarians and Federal agency representatives will travel from around the country to attend the 11th annual Federal Depository Library Conference, the Nation's premier event for Government information librarians. Sponsored by the Government Printing Office (GPO), the conference will be held October 21-23, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209 (703-807-2000). The conference is being held concurrently with the 61st meeting of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer.

The Council is composed of 15 representatives of the Government information community who advise GPO on issues related to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Administered by GPO, the FDLP partners with the 1,300 libraries nationwide that provide local, no-fee public access to information produced by the Federal Government and distributed to the libraries by GPO in print, microform, CD-ROM, and the Internet. In 2001, GPO distributed 5 million copies of approximately 14,000 tangible products in traditional and electronic formats to depository libraries. In addition, the libraries provide public access to **GPO Access**, GPO's acclaimed Web site (at **www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess**), from which users currently retrieve an average of about 32 million Federal documents each month.

Highlights of the 3-day conference will include discussions on electronic reference, genealogy resources in depository libraries, development of electronic competencies standards, Government sites for kids, and partnerships between academic and public libraries to improve service and public access to Federal information. The Census Bureau, Patent & Trademark Office, Centers for Disease Control, and Consumer Product Safety Commission are just a few of the

many agencies that will present updates on their public information activities and products.

Simultaneous technical and information sessions will review important historical resources available on the Web, remote storage options, and creation of training models for library staff. Tours of the Department of Justice Library, Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology, National Air & Space Museum Library, the U.S. Senate Library, and Library Programs Service at the Government Printing Office will also be available for meeting attendees. Prior to the formal conference, librarians from the Nation's 53 regional depositories will attend an all-day session on Sunday, October 20.

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